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Thoroughly Modern Bob – Coming to a Legislature Near You!

Paul Hatfield

PERSPECTIVE-Thoroughly Modern Millie was a Tony Award winner. State Senator Bob Hertzberg is rolling out his own sequel. The only problem is the production cost. Actually, the real problem is we will be the ones bankrolling it if Bob gets the green light. It is the most expensive tax scam concocted, more than California HSR. I'm talking...



Elite Girls School Has Brentwood Up in Arms ... Over Traffic

John Schwada

INSIDE LA-Hairdresser Mikell Powell is walking her two dogs in Brentwood along Sunset Boulevard just across the street from the Archer School for Girls (photo left). "I'm opposed to anything that would make driving on Sunset here anymore hellish than it already is," Powell says as her dogs tug on their leashes. No question: there's a 1.2 mile...



Homeless LA: Safe Havens, Not Sidewalks

Mike Bonin

WHO WE ARE-In recent years, Los Angeles has seen more progress in combating homelessness than it ever has – yet the problem is still getting worse. Since 2011, the region has housed more than 23,000 people – a record number even by national standards. Yet homelessness is on the rise. Encampments are proliferating in our neighborhoods throughout...



Can LA Afford Another Olympics?

Jack Humphreville

LA WATCHDOG-Boston bailed on hosting the 2024 Olympics when Mayor Martin Walsh refused to sign a host city contract with the United States Olympic Committee ("USOC") that would have put Beantown (and possibly the Commonwealth of Massachusetts) on the hook for any cost overruns associated with this 17 day extravaganza. But Walsh's refusal to...



The Petty Hypocrisy of Mandatory Ethics Training

Bob Gelfand

GELFAND'S WORLD-As a member of a neighborhood council board, I am required by state law to do 2 hours of ethics training every 2 years. Elected officials such as members of the City Council are also required to take this training. The curious thing about our California ethics rules is that they prohibit the small stuff while looking the other way...



Los Angeles: Brown lives Matter!

Fred Mariscal

LATINO PERSPECTIVE-According to the Los Angeles Times, over the last five years in LA County, coroner's data show that Latinos, who make up about half of the county's population, also represent about half the people killed by police. Of the 23 people fatally shot by law enforcement in the county this year, 14 were Latino. The Times raises an...



Grading the LA Times: Mike Feuer's B+ Leaves Something Out



Noel Weiss

OTHER VOICES-Reading the LA Times' Report Card grade of B+ for City Attorney Mike Feuer, it was good to see at least a 'hat-tip' to the issue of whether the City Attorney really is the "attorney for the people." But their conclusion seems to be that he is not, and I believe that is wrong. Exactly who does the City Attorney represent? Certainly, he...



Beverly Hills Pounds Final Nail in Bike Lanes Coffin

Mark Elliot

GETTING THERE FROM HERE-If you expected that Beverly Hills might install bicycle lanes on our segment of Santa Monica Boulevard when reconstructing it next year, you will be sorely disappointed to know that City Council just pounded the final nail into the bike lanes coffin. City Council split on the Blue Ribbon Committee recommendation to expand...



Helter Skelter, Murder and the Looming Race War

Tony Castro

TONY CASTRO'S LA-In one of our last conversations before his death earlier this year, author and prosecutor Vincent Bugliosi lamented that while he had successfully imprisoned Charles Manson, he feared he had only made a dent in the threat of an apocalyptic race war that the mass murderer had hoped to ignite. "Madness and mad men," said Bugliosi,...



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